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Benchmark - Form 10 Suspension

1 message

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Wed, Feb 3, 2016 at 3:23 PM

To: jerry@benchmarkenergy.us

Cc: "Britta K. Beckstead" <britta.beckstead@coag.gov>, Teri Ikenouye - DNR <teri.ikenouye@state.co.us>, Dave Kulmann <dave.kulmann@state.co.us>

Mr. Nash,

Attached please find the final version of Order 1V-564. The order permitted the Director of the COGCC to immediately revoke Benchmark's Certificate of Clearance and/or Change of Operator for various violations of Commission Rules. The Director exercised that authority today and suspended Benchmark's Certificate - see attached letter. **Effective immediately, Benchmark is no longer authorized to sell or transport produced hydrocarbons from any of its permitted wells and locations within Colorado, until such time as Benchmark's Certificate is restored by the Director.** In light of Benchmark's inability to sell or transport produced hydrocarbons, Benchmark must immediately shut-in all of its wells and cease any operations that might endanger public health, safety and the environment. COGCC inspectors will be visiting Benchmark's locations to ensure that operations have been halted. Failure to comply will be handled by the COGCC in the strictest manner possible.

We will follow up by phone to stress the importance of your cooperation in this manner.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Jeremy I Ferrin

Enforcement Officer



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**Oil & Gas Conservation
Commission**

Department of Natural Resources

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Denver, CO 80203

Plains Marketing, L.P.
333 Clay St., Suite #1600
Houston, TX 77002

February 3, 2016

Via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested.

Re: Commission Order No. 1V-564 – Suspension of Form 10

On January 26, 2016, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”) entered Order No. 1V-564 against Benchmark Energy LLC (“Benchmark”) (Operator No. 10380). The order permitted the Director of the COGCC to immediately revoke Benchmark’s Certificate of Clearance and/or Change of Operator for various violations of Commission Rules. I have exercised that authority as of today’s date.

Effective immediately, Benchmark is no longer authorized to sell or transport produced hydrocarbons from any of its permitted wells and locations within Colorado, until such time as such authority is restored by the Director.

You are therefore instructed not to transport any produced hydrocarbons from any of Benchmark’s locations until further notice from this office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Matthew J. Lepore
Director

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